



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 18, 2021



Gina Y. Sweat, Fire Chief - MFD
CONTACT: Lt. Wayne A. Cooke
Public Information Officer
901-636-5682 O, 901-508-0614 C
Wayne.Cooke@memphistn.gov

RESIDENTIAL FIRE

8831 Grand Slam Drive #101 (*Champion Hills Apartments*)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 8831 Grand Slam Drive, Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:16 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the three-story apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-six (36) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief J. Harrison was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:37 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. One unit sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$20,000.00 structure and \$10,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be cooking oil left unattended on the stove in the kitchen. Red Cross provided assistance for two (2) adults and two (2) children.

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by contacting the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

###